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National Council Attendance

By William S. Beard

In general it may be said that several features of the impending National Council, because of their novelty, are serving to arouse interest. Among such are the denominational merger, the discussion groups which will meet each morning from 9 until 10:45, and the lectureship conducted by President Palmer of Chicago Seminary, whose theme is this year, "Paths to the Presence of God."

While the financial difficulties still continue, it is not at all impossible that 3,000 Congregational people may flock to Seattle over the week end. The hope for one thousand men for the men's dinner and one thousand women for the women's dinner, with a thousand young people for the convocation, is a goal which not only will probably be realized, but it may be surpassed. May 17 I addressed nearly 300 young people in Tacoma from ten or a dozen churches, all of whom are planning to be at the convocation on Sunday afternoon and some at the dinners on Saturday night. Here was more than a fourth of the youth quota. Seattle hopes to have 400 men and 400 women at the two dinners, Tacoma will send over 100 each, while from the Inland Empire the number will not be less than 100 men and 100 women, and may easily be more.

The spirit at a single point may serve to show the enthusiasm and willingness to work in behalf of the Council which is being manifested here. A week ago I took 50 tickets to Everett, Washington, thinking that these would serve for the Everett church as well as for some of the surrounding territory. To my very great delight, the men of the church—not the minister—insisted that 50 tickets for each dinner would be needed from that one point. That exhausted the immediate supply. On my promise to furnish more tickets these men then agreed to visit each church in the Northwestern Association. The result is that twice the number of tickets will be sold in that area which had been at first anticipated.

Of course I realize that attendance from Washington is a relatively simple proposition, for Seattle is adjacent while California is remote, yet we much hope that the North California Conference may equal or surpass the goal which the Southern California Conference has set itself, that goal being the attendance of 50 men and 50 women.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Two of our Home Missionary churches are in need of good reed organs. Does any church or any reader of The Pacific possess such an instrument which would be suitable for church services, and which could be donated? Kindly write this office.

Instead of throwing away illustrated Sunday School leaflets, why not send them to Rev. Robert J. Allen, Weaverville, for distribution to the children of Trinity County?

Communion glasses and trays, sufficient for about 150 persons, are available for some church or churches that may have need for the same. Kindly write this office.

EDUCATION AND EVANGELISM

(Abstract of an Address by G. P. Hedley, of Pacific School of Religion and Pastor at Rio Vista, before the Upper Bay Association, April 28, 1931)

In some circles the discussion of "Religious Education" and "Evangelism" together would seem tantamount to a discussion of black and white, of light and darkness, of good and evil—the consideration of two concerns not only different and separated, but also contradictory and mutually incompatible. There are in our churches those whose interest in "evangelism" is so keen that they look with suspicion upon any suggestion of an "educational" method; and there are others so eager for an "educational" emphasis that the mere hearing of the word "evangelism" creates in them an attitude of positive opposition.

Yet before we admit any final and necessary conflict between the two interests, it will be well for us to enquire with some care into the true and proper nature of them both: it may be that they need not stand in such violent contrast as proponents of both positions have tended to suppose.

What Is Education?

To some minds "education" has meant nothing more than the acquiring of information, the learning of a given set of facts. As the late Dr. Henry Frederick Cope put it in his "Religious Education in the Church": "Popularly, an educator is one who, being possessed of a large quantity of information, is employed to distribute that information to less fortunate—but not at all envious — young persons." The value of "education," when conceived thus as a matter of filling empty minds with facts, is rightly questioned.

Our view of "education" must involve something much more significant, much more vital, than this. The etymology of the word itself is helpful: **educo**—"I draw out." The educational process, properly understood, is one of "drawing out" the potentialities of an individual to their highest possible level; of developing the personality, in its every aspect, to the richest, deepest, most vital achievement of which it is capable. As we of the churches believe that life reaches its highest levels only in the realm and in the spirit of religion, we cannot but regard "religious education" as an enterprise of major significance.

Thus we must realize that our educational task in the church school and in the young people's society is one much greater than the mere distribution of information about the Bible. No mere memorizing of the twenty-third Psalm or the fourteenth chapter of John; no outlining of Old Testament history or even of the life of Jesus; no ability to recite in order the names of the Biblical books—can avail us anything of itself. The Bible is to be regarded not as an end, but as a means: and the end is **the fullest possible development of Christian persons, with all that that involves of living religious experience, of personal conduct and character, of concern for the welfare of all mankind.**

What Is Evangelism?

The word "evangelism," too, has suffered through a general narrowing of its meaning. To many of us its use is restricted to one particular method of church work: a method of occasional public appeal for a single, immediate, momentary decision, based entirely upon emotions suddenly and artificially stirred. An "evangelist" is conceived to be a peripatetic professional, often not better than a sensational mountebank, who comes into the community without knowledge of its specific history and needs, and who leaves it without assuming any responsibility for its religious future. Of "evangelism" so understood we have learned, after much sad experience, to be more than a little suspicious.

Again, however, an adventure in etymology proves to be of profit. We all know the glorious old Anglo-Saxon word "Gospel"—"good news," "good tidings." The word "evangel," coming

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COME TO ASILOMAR!

REMEMBER—The Registration Fee is only $2.00 if paid before July 15th. The balance of the expense, $15.10, covers board and lodging at the Asilomar Conference Grounds. Send your registration fee to Mrs. A. L. Gillman, at our Conference Office, 421 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

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CONGREGATIONAL C. E. RALLY

During the International Christian Endeavor Convention which is to be held in San Francisco July 11-16, many young people from our Congregational Churches all over the country will be in attendance. In an endeavor to be of service to these young folks, the Conference Committee on Religious Education, working in conjunction with the national Education Society, will operate a booth in the corridor of the Civic Auditorium, where displays of young people's work may be seen, and a meeting place for Congregational young people provided.

On Monday afternoon, July 13th, these out-of-state Congregational folks will be the guests of the local Cacoypa organization, at a Get-together to be held from 2 to 4 at the First Congregational Church, San Francisco. All Congregational young people are invited.

Jane Addams, noted settlement worker, writing of Prohibition said in the American Issue, "The poverty and suffering from drink was appalling. There is such a difference now that it seems like another world. Our poor are moving into better places. Their whole standard of life is rising."—American Issue, July 6, 1929.

The wets urge the legalization of beer and wine. Dr. G. Von Bunge, perhaps the world's greatest physiological chemist, said in a recent lecture: "Beer is the most harmful of alcoholic drinks because it is the most seductive. . . . No other leads so easily to intemperance." — Union Signal, July 26, 1930.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 25-July 3—National Council of Congregational Churches. Seattle, Washington.

July 6-15 — Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.

July 11-16—International Christian Endeavor Convention, San Francisco.

August 1-8 — Congregational Young People's Conference, Asilomar.

October 20-22—Northern California Congregational Conference. Annual meeting. Plymouth Church, Oakland.

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to us from the Greek, has precisely the same significance: the "evangel" is the eu-angellion, the "good message." Thus "evangelism" is nothing more — and nothing less — than the making known of the "good news" as it is in Christ Jesus.

That "good news" includes indeed the call to decision, but it includes much more. "Conversion" is "turning again," and most of us have needed to make a right-about-face before we have found ourselves headed in the right direction through life. But when we have chosen that right direction, we have yet to make the first step on the long and difficult road which leads to our ultimate goal. The Gospel as proclaimed by Jesus involved all of life: the knowledge of a loving God, and love for that God; the choice of a way of living; the practice of goodwill in all the relations of life; the readiness to subordinate every personal desire and ambition to the building on earth of a Heavenly Kingdom. The goal of true evangelism is therefore **the fullest possible development of Christian persons, with all that that involves of living religious experience, of personal conduct and character, of concern for the welfare of all mankind.**

Evangelism and Education in the Church

It follows that every activity of the church must be, always and at once, both educational and evangelistic. The minister is not to preach a "doctrinal sermon" in the morning and to make an "evangelistic appeal" at night: his every message must be at once doctrinal—teaching, educative—and evangelistic—filled with the Gospel. The church school may not limit its "evangelism" to Decision Day: the good news of the Christian gospel must dominate every worship service, every class session. The Young People's Society is called to a continual enterprise of education and evangelism. The Ladies' Aid exists not only to raise money: it affords a unique opportunity for the development of its members and friends into the fullness of Christian experience and life.

The final word is this: the "Gospel according to You" is the one best known to your friends. It is the "living ep'stle" which is "known and read of all men." The only indispensable method of Christian education and of Christian evangelism is that of the practice of the Christian life. If we hope to be instrumental in the development of Christian persons, we must be Christian persons ourselves. This is our high and holy calling, as the followers of Him Who was the Teacher of Galilee, and Who is the Bringer of Good News to all the world.

GOOD BYE FOR NOW

Subscribers please note there will be no July and August issues.

THE STORY THUS FAR

The figures below should give us pause. They are for the first five months of 1930 and the first five months of 1931, and indicate a shrinkage in receipts for benevolences which have come through our Conference Office of about $1,600. Every one of our home missionary churches is filled with a pastor so there is no opportunity for economy in our disbursements. Unless our churches rally in a splendid way, our deficit at the end of the year will make it necessary to curtail our work. But with the memory of the splendid achievement of the closing months of last year, we are encouraged to go forward.

Church	1930	1931
Adin	$ 22.00	$ 15.00
Alameda, First	.....	.....
Alturas	19.61	.....
Angel's Camp	.....	25.00
Antioch	.....	.....
Auburn	.....	.....
Bay Point (Chicago)	.....	5.00
Benicia	11.00	.....
Berkeley, First	2,880.00	2,880.00
Berkeley, Park	43.10	.....
Berkeley, North	564.47	449.00
Biola	.....	.....
Campbell	125.00	.....
Ceres	190.00	155.00
Cloverdale	118.50	106.28
Cotati	8.66	10.57
Crockett	50.00	50.00
Dinuba	.....	.....
Elk Grove	.....	.....
Etna Mills	3.00	.....
Eureka	102.60	76.56
Fairfax	50.00	60.00
Ferndale	92.00	90.19
Field's Landing	.....	.....
Ford Bidwell	.....	.....
Fowler	.....	25.00
Fresno, First	360.72	184.25
Fresno, Free Cross	.....	.....
Fresno, Zion	.....	.....
Fresno, Pilgrim	.....	.....
Fresno, Third	.....	.....
Glen Ellen	.....	.....
Grass Valley	59.66	66.03
Guerneville	.....	25.00
Hayfork	.....	.....
Hayward	.....	.....
Kenwood	10.02	11.85
Lockeford	.....	.....
Lodi, First	550.00	450.00
Lodi, Ebenezer	.....	.....
Loomis	.....	.....
Los Gatos	50.00	.....
Martinez	51.25	60.07
Murphy	.....	40.00
Niles	.....	.....
Oakland, First	2,160.00	2,160.00
Oakland, Calvary	.....	.....
Oakland, Fruitvale	.....	.....
Oakland, Plymouth	373.55	450.00
Oakland, Pilgrim	77.26	.....
Oakland, Olivet	42.85	8.70
Oroville	60.00	.....
Pacific Grove	30.20	163.30
Palo Alto	600.00	600.00
Paradise	33.00	62.50
Parlier	.....	.....
Petaluma	91.25	241.50
Pittsburg	40.25	24.05
Porterville	30.00	10.00
Redwood City	200.00	200.00
Reedley, Finnish	10.00	.....
Reno, Nevada	111.40	109.10
Rio Vista	5.00	.....
Ripon	14.04	15.00
Sacramento	263.60	266.00
Salida	30.00	35.00
San Andreas	.....	.....
San Carlos	7.50	7.50
San Francisco—		
First	750.00	.....
Bethany-Miss. Pk.	60.77	116.75
Ocean View	.....	30.00
Richmond	26.00	1.00
Sanger	.....	.....
San Jose	410.00	285.00
San Leandro	57.18	41.90
San Lorenzo	20.00	10.00
San Mateo	283.73	.....
San Rafael	5.00	.....
Santa Cruz	365.00	325.00
Santa Rosa	214.16	160.28
Saratoga	235.00	255.00
Sebastopol	47.85	23.25
Sonoma	95.88	54.45
Soquel	.....	.....
Stockton	517.00	460.00
Suisun	45.00	82.12
Sunnyvale	50.00	.....
Sunol Glen	.....	39.00
Tipton	30.00	.....
Tulare	50.00	112.50
Weaverville	15.00	55.00
Woodside	43.50	57.00
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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

TULARE. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker, the pastor, has been conducting a discussion group on Sunday evenings, which have been remarkably well attended. The Sunday morning congregation fills the church building comfortably.

ALTURAS. Rev. Horton Colbert, the pastor, is taking his vacation in attending the University of California intersession. He plans to conduct Vacation Church Schools at Alturas, Likely and Davis Creek.

OAKLAND FIRST. Clubs and individuals of the church, by their gifts, are sponsoring the Young People's delegation to Asilomar. The church and church school recently enjoyed a picnic in Redwood Canyon.

ANTIOCH. During the month of May there was an average attendance at the Young People's Society of 22 out of an enrollment of 25. Rev. Henry Stauffer is pastor.

SALIDA. The quotas for home and foreign social service work have been met. Mother's Day services were well attended. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath is the pastor.

ALAMEDA, FIRST. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, preached the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the High School on May 31.

DR. FISHER HONORED

Recently a large company of people gathered at First Church, Berkeley, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Miles B. Fisher, and by every sign bore testimony to the unusual personal regard they have won in every heart during the eight years of the associate pastorate now terminating.

Dr. McCall told of the perfect relations that from first to last have characterized the work together of the two pastors. Their simple and profound friendship was one of the most beautiful things of life, and certainly no pastorate in the country could be found able to offer anything of the kind superior to it.

Dr. Herman F. Swartz, on behalf of the committee appointed by the church, presented a review of Dr. and Mrs. Fisher's fruitful years in Berkeley and a statement of the church's regard. By rising vote the company approved this and ordered it placed on record and a copy given to Dr. and Mrs. Fisher. The concluding paragraph reads thus:

"It is the departure of such people from our church and from its ministry that makes us heavy of heart. We feel the keenest loss at their withdrawal from association with us, and as profoundly do we feel that we are about to lose from the ongoing life of our organized fellowship such qualities of mind and of heart as are hard indeed to replace. The least we can do is to assure Dr. Fisher and Mrs. Fisher that we are truly conscious of the noble service they have rendered for us."

BERKELEY FIRST. Dr. O. W. S. McCall has been giving a series of sermons on "Christ's Shining Way, or the Private Life of Jesus of Nazareth." Following are the topics: "Vision: The Soul's Sagacity," "Duty: The Fundamental Gallantry," "Men: The Radiant Passion," "God: The Exhaustless Resource," "Serenity: The Spirit's Depth," "Exultance: The Spirit's Wings."

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NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

PETALUMA. Rev. Noel J. Breed, the pastor, has again been conducting a half-hour worship service from 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock Sunday mornings for the benefit of those whose plans take them out of town before 11:00 o'clock. The attendance at the 11:00 o'clock service, even on Memorial Sunday, has been larger than any other year at this season.

There were almost a hundred present at the monthly tea, which was an English garden party, at which a May queen was crowned.

On June 7, the whole church is uniting in an out-of-door rally at Mark West Springs, beginning with morning worship at 11:00 o'clock, followed by a picnic lunch. First in the afternoon will be Children's Day exercises, followed by sports for all ages, and swimming. For the Young People's Society there will be a treasure hunt. The day will close with a vesper service. The choir is preparing special music and will be accompanied by an orchestra.

BENICIA. On Sunday evenings the home of one of the deacons is open for an informal social hour. Newcomers, occasional attendants at church, and others who should be interested have been invited and many happy contacts have been made. A special effort is being made to secure a fine delegation to the Young People's Conference at Asilomar.

The pastor, Rev. E. W. Houlding, is secretary of the local Kiwanis Club, is in charge of the school gymnasium and athletic ground, and is responsible for the basketball and baseball teams organized as a night high school class.

SAN FRANCISCO FIRST. During recent Sundays Rev. Gail Cleland of Alameda, Rev. Ernest F. W. Swan of the Community Church of Piedmont, Rev. John Gardner of Riverside, have been heard in the pulpit. During the month of June, Rev. Vaughn Dabney of the Second Church in Dorchester, Mass., is to preach, while later in the summer Rev. W. W. Pickett of Forest Hills, Long Island, and Rev. Kerrison Juniper of St. Petersburg, Florida, will be the guests of the church.

SONOMA. An attempt to form a federation, including the Congregational and Methodist Churches, has failed, due to an adverse vote by the Methodists, the Congregationalists favoring the same by a ratio of 16 to 1. Rev. Charles D. Milliken has been supplying the church for the past six months.

RIO VISTA. A notable step in the direction of Christian unity was made during Holy Week when the Congregational and Baptist churches united for special services and a celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Rio Vista Church has made splendid gain in membership under the leadership of Dr. George P. Hedley.

STOCKTON. Word reaches The Pacific that the Stockton Church has called Rev. John R. Hahn, of the University Church of Missoula, Montana, to succeed Rev. Hugh Vernon White. Mr. Hahn has been pastor of the Montana Church for eight and a half years. He is a graduate from Franklin Marshall College and Union Theological Seminary, and has studied abroad. He will begin his new work August 15th.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. A great mural painting, extending clear across the interior of the Southern Pacific station, places Dr. Joseph A. Benton, first pastor of the church, in the foreground officiating at the ceremony of the beginning of the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad. This heroic-sized figure is a striking likeness which the artist painted from a picture furnished by Mrs. J. O. Wilder of the church. There are five other figures recognizable, several of whom were associated with the church in an early day. The artist purposely did not paint likenesses of others because most of them had come to scoff at the enterprise.

The church has received a memorial gift covering the cost of its lighting fixtures.

A class of 55 new members was received recently.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. During the month of May the Standish Club of young people has been considering the general topic of "Philosophy and Life." The following subjects were presented by members of the Department of Philosophy of the University of California: "The History of Philosophy," "Ethics and Philosophy," "Logic and Philosophy," "The Nature of Beauty," "Religion and Philosophy."

Mr. Clifford O. Simpson is now the full-time Director of Religious Education and Young People's work. A Vacation Church School is planned for three weeks during June. Rev. T. T. Giffen is the pastor.

GUERNEVILLE. The summer season in the Russian River is in full swing, which keeps many of the church people busy, for their sole source of income is the visitors. The Sunday school and church ministers to children and adults who are on vacation.

The Women's Club has recently bought a carpet for the aisles of the church, and secured a new piano. Rev. James W. Price is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO CALVARY. As this issue of The Pacific goes to press, this church is entertaining the convention of the Armenian Evangelical Union, which consists of Congregational and Presbyterian Armenians of California.

During the past month the average congregation has been 97. Rev. H. A. Kartozian is the pastor.

FAIRFAX. The pastor, Rev. James H. Price, and all departments of the church are busily engaged in preparing for the great picnic and fair to be held in Fairfax Park June 20. At this time it is hoped that the entire indebtedness of the church can be raised.

FORT BIDWELL. Miss Mary Coxhead ministers to both the Indian and the People's Churches, preaching every Sunday in each church. She is operating a Vacation Church School in the People's Church, and makes pastoral calls on both Americans and Indians.

CHICAGO. Mr. and Mrs. Donald F. Gaylord have moved to Chicago and are actively planning for vacation church schools in Clyde and Avon as well as in their own church.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Rev. Walter B. Williams closed his work as pastor on May 31st. He plans to spend the summer in vacation on the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE-TRINITY CENTER. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton recently conducted a question drawer under the caption: "Popping the Question." The following inquiries were answered: Five hundred million dollar fortunes and hungry unemployed men! What shall we do with ten thousand American preachers who refuse to go to war? Has Christian Science a healing secret that other sects do not possess? Do modern scientists and university students believe in God? Will there be any good golf courses in heaven? I want to know God; I can not seem to find Him; can you tell me how?

Because of the crowded condition of the Church School, the Methodist parsonage has been taken over and fitted up for class-room work.

The total attendance at all exercises and services during the month of April was 12,791.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. Rev. Charles H. Cleaves, the pastor, has been leading the Young People's Forum during May, using the following subjects: "What's Your Worth?" "God—Who, What, Where?" "Love, Courtship and Marriage," "Religion—Whither?" "America in the Making."

The Men's Club Minstrel Show group, which had given a program at the church in April, repeated it at the Masonic Home at Decoto recently. Church attendance from January to May, 1931 showed an increase of 14 per cent over the same period last year.

TRINITY COUNTY. Since the weather has improved and the roads have opened, Rev. Robert J. Allen has been pushing his extension work. Recent trips have been made to Hyampom and Trinity Center, where services were held and about sixty calls made. Sunday school supplies were distributed. This work is in addition to his regular ministrations at Weaverville, Hayfork and Lewiston.

EUREKA. "A Children's Village," has been announced by the pastor, Rev. Charles H. Hudson, for a vacation church school. Held on a wooded lot just outside of Eureka, with transportation provided, makes it possible for all activities to be held out of doors. There will be arts, crafts, religious instruction, and a daily newspaper. The village will be self-governing, with the children participating as officials. There will be daily worship in the "temple of the woods."

SALINAS, FILIPINO. Rev. P. F. Royola reports a serious economic condition among the Filipinos of the Salinas valley. The camps are overcrowded and work is very scarce. Many of the boys are facing physical want. Relief work as well as preaching is needed.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Congregations have greatly increased, a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been formed and money has been raised for the repair of the organ and the bulletin board. Mr. James E. Boyd of the Pacific School of Religion is the pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. The first every-member canvass held in two or three years has just been completed. In spite of adverse financial conditions, the regular pledged income of the church has been increased by more than $2,000 per year. Rev. Norman B. Henderson is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. This church recently called a council to meet on June 5 for the examination and ordination of its pastor, Mr. James D. Salmon. Mr. Salmon expects to devote his full time to the work of the church during the summer.

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Prologue.—"I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here am I, send me,'"

Episode 1.—Girlhood.

A little over thirty years ago a baby girl opened her eyes in Prince Edward Island. As she approached her 'teens, she looked wistfully toward the vocation of nurse's training as her profession and finally chose it as the one she wished to follow. Several years were spent at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and her dream became a reality. Then came the World War, with our new nurse mothering a boat-load of lonely, homesick boys on the way to the Front. The years following were passed ministering to wounded, suffering soldiers during the holocaust where blood flowed like rivers and moans continuously rent the air.

Episode 2.—Young Womanhood.

At last the war was over; only broken homes and twisted, mis-shapen limbs and bodies testified to its horrors and unforgettable sufferings. Soon after its close a young woman at the zenith of her powers found her way to Berkeley, California, where she enlisted under Doctor Edith Bryan, head of the department for training nurses for Public Health Work in Rural Districts.

Unassuming, lacking in self-confidence, but remarkably efficient, resourceful and thoroughly dependable, she completed her course and was ready to enter an untried field.

Epicode 3.—The Call.

The new field to which she was called was Solano County, her headquarters, the beautiful little towns of Suisun and Fairfield, nestling among rolling hills and dotted with colorful orchards. Here she became a member of the faculty of the Amiijo High School, Fairfield, in the department of Public Hygiene. In addition she was to have the care of the health of children in twelve public schools, as well as to act as an angel of mercy in many homes where her advice and help would be often sought and freely given.

Episode 4.—The Great Adventure.

After some time she found that many children were in need of operations for tonsil and adenoid growths. The regular physicians could not attend to so many and do their own work. There was no hospital close at hand. What was to be done? Suisun and Fairfield rose to the emergency, with their beloved nurse, Miss Howett, to help them. Although Saturday had to be the day for the operations, with Sunday following close on its heels, the Suisun church, Mr. Pollard pastor, never hesitated. Its doors were thrown wide open, while its Sunday School rooms were converted into an up-to-date hospital. A surgeon from Sacramento was placed in charge, local doctors, white-coated and efficient, splendidly co-operating, together with Miss Howett and her assistants. Neighboring homes opened their doors to receive the little patients while coming out from the ether, and meals were prepared and served by the church and friends for the parents of the children, the doctors and their assistants. After it was over, everyone lent a helping hand to put all in order for the church services on the following day.

Was ever a more beautiful service rendered in any church than that, or a more Christian spirit manifested between two neighboring towns than that shown between Fairfield and Suisun that day? The willing, well-trained hands of many Marthas united with the helpful, sympathetic, devoted spirit of countless numbers of Marys.

These lessons of self-forgetfulness and loving minstration wil ever be recalled and told as children and their children repeat the beautiful story.

"You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang round it still."

Episode 5.—The Translation.

Days and weeks passed. Signs of early spring were everywhere to be seen. The California winter was past and the buds were nearly ready to unfold and dazzle a waiting world with their beauty and intoxicate it with their fragrance. Joyfully our Angel of Mercy stepped into her car to visit two little Italian children whom she feared were ill, carrying with her little gifts as well as abundant cheer. But it was not to be. Instead something happened — and Miss Howett went swiftly to met her Master and Lord "face to face."

No suffering, no pain, "no sadness of farewell," only an unexpected Homegoing, where, unhampered by fleshly ills or limitations, she could serve her God forever.

The largest building in Fairfield, the Amiijo School, was all too small for the sorrowing friends of two towns who wished to do her honor. Outside in a drenching rain they stood, hundreds of loyal friends, whose homes and lives she had entered as a loving, ministering angel, while little children brought hands full of violets as their last sweet offering to one they loved.

Such a life can never die. Such a life is ageless and the beautiful memories of its unselfish, sacrificial devotion will abide forever.

Epilogue.—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

HELPS FOR THE EAGER AND ALERT

A teaspoon of molasses will catch more flies than a quart of vinegar. Here is a collection of sweets offered by Mrs. Gail Cleland, guaranteed to produce interest in world events and gifts for the work.

List of plays and monologues to be secured for a nominal price at our Conference Headquarters:

"The Cross Roads Meetin' House"; "At Devil's Nose"; "Election Day"; "Fare Please"; "The Elixir of Life"; "Her Morning Mail"; "The Pill Bottle"; "What Happened to Jane"; "6,000 a Year Plus Rice."

Come to the September Executive Board meeting and hear Mrs. Cleland tell about them and many others.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THIS?

The May 1 report throughout the nation shows a loss of $56,000 in gifts from the churches for our foreign and home work. Unless this shortage is made up before September 1, some of our projects must be given up. The appropriations of the American Board were reduced $38,000 in 1930, and in 1931, $26,000 more.

How About a Sacrifice Club?

Could you sacrifice for the good of the cause—one movie? one pair of gloves? one magazine? one ice-cream soda? one kitchen-saving device? two gallons of gasoline?

Are you thankful—For health, family, food, luxuries that have become necessities, free lectures, free concerts, the world contacts received through the radio, free parks together with the glorious sunshine and opportunities for outdoor life that can be enjoyed throughout the year in this wonderful state of ours, California? If so SAY IT WITH LITTLE OR MUCH TO YOUR THANK OFFERING BOX —God's box.

Education along world lines creates interest. Interest promotes giving. Knowers become givers. Do YOU want to be educated in world events?

Mrs. Miles B. Fisher, 1309 Spruce Street, Berkeley, will furnish a list of books concerning war, peace, race prejudice, labor and temperance, and will assist in preparing programs along these lines.

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(From the Bulletin of the First Congregational Church, San Jose)

LET US BEAR IN MIND—

That as Congregationalists we should as cheerfully acknowledge our obligations to those less fortunate than ourselves;

That 50 per cent of the contributions we designate as Benevolences help in forms of work in our own state of California, combining both Home and Foreign Missions;

That this state work includes help for Indians at Fort Bidwell, Filipinos in Salinas, Chinese in Berkeley and San Francisco, Armenians in Fowler, San Francisco and Oakland, needy fields in Calaveras and Trinity Counties, and 23 other struggling churches;

That 20 per cent applies toward the churches, hospitals, schools, etc., maintained by our denomination in other parts of the United States;

That 30 per cent is apportioned for work in foreign lands;

That the above statements prove that our total gifts to missions must be sufficient so that our 30 per cent may provide the $500 we have pledged as part of the support of our own overseas representatives — Doctors Vincent and Grace Wagner, in Taiku, China.

HAVE YOU A TICKET?

Tickets to the Men's and the Women's Banquets at the National Council at Seattle, to be held Saturday night, June 27th, must be secured from the Conference office before June 15th. Tickets may be bought singly or in blocks, so that friends can plan to sit together.

The Women's Banquet is to be held at the beautiful new Civic Auditorium, Seattle, at 6:30 p. m. Speakers: Toastmistress, Mrs. Stephen Penrose, able wife of Dr. Penrose, President of Whitman College, Walla Walla; President Aurelia H. Reinhardt, Mills College, Oakland; Rev. Henry C. McDowell, Angola, West Africa.

The Men's Banquet is also to be held in the Civic Auditorium at 6:30. The speakers will be: Rev. Henry C. McDowell, Angola, West Africa, and Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D. D., of Brooklyn.

Dress for both of these banquets will be strictly informal.

Remember to order your tickets from Congregational headquarters, 421 Phelan Building, San Francisco. Price $1.00 each.

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